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**GROUP 3200**In re Application of: IGOR ~~P~~ALLEY ET AL.

Serial No.: 08/717,042

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For: BLAST RESISTANT AND BLAST DIRECTING CONTAINER ASSEMBLIES

Petersburg, VA 23804

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

**RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121**

Sir:

In Office communication dated February 3, 1998, the Examiner has requested a species election for prosecution on the merits. Please note that the listing of species skips from Species VII to Species X. In the event that Species VIII and IX, respectively, were meant to be directed to Figures 9A-9E and 10A-10I, Applicants would prefer to elect Species IX (as identified, if correct). Since neither Species VIII nor Species IX are set forth and identified, however, and in order to be fully responsive to the election requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species I (Figures 1A-1G and 4) for prosecution on the merits. Claims readable on Species I include: 1-11, 14-47, and 51-53.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the omission of species and/or any unresolved issues regarding these elections.

Respectfully submitted,  
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